

**Richard L. Hawkins AKA P Smurf AKA Gecko was Sentenced to 34 Years
for Dealing in Cocaine in Tippecanoe County on Thursday**



The Court sentenced the Defendant to 34 years on Count 1 and 34 years on Count 7 – to run concurrently – for a total of 34 years. Of those, the defendant will have 34 years executed (30 at DOC, and 4 at TCCC at a level to be determined) and **no suspended sentence or probation.**

Court found the aggravating circumstances outweighed the mitigating circumstances, noting...

Aggravating factors:

- Criminal history – while in the grand scheme this isn't as bad as we sometimes see, you failed to appear multiple times, you did not fulfill conditions, there were 18 petitions to revoke probation spanning multiple cases.
- He was on probation at the time of the instant offenses
- He has a history of substance abuse
- Children under the age of 12 have been affected by your crimes by their presence during the activities and by having cocaine in their bodies.
- Previous attempts at rehabilitation have failed.

Mitigating factors:

- Pleaded guilty, but with the benefit of a plea agreement with a number of counts dismissed
- Family support

The Court noted that two of his children had tested positive for cocaine and that he had contact with them in violation of a CHINS order. CHINS reports showed that the Defendant did not participate in the programs and was non-cooperative with the court's programs, investigators, and case workers.

- The Court inquired about the nature and timing of his federal felon-in-possession case.
- The Court inquired whether he had filed tax returns on his music income; he admitted that he did not. Despite his undeclared income, he was \$10K behind in child support.

In a statement to the judge, the defendant admitted using the music scene as a cover to sell drugs and attract new clients.